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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM



DATE: 12/18/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: THURSDAY, 12/19/91 3:00pm

PRESIDENTIAL TALKING POINTS: CONSULATE STAFF GREETINGS
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA - FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1992

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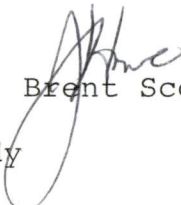
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Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 3:00 p.m., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

December 20, 1991

NSC concurs with noted changes

for  Brent Scowcroft

cc: Phillip Brady

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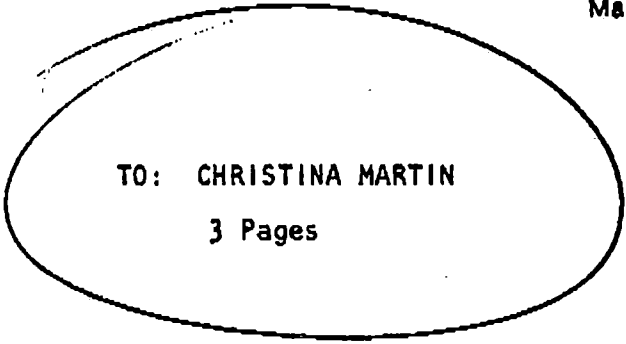
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- o Having also served in a Mission far from Washington, I have a personal understanding and appreciation for the hard work, long hours, and personal sacrifice so many of you bring to the job. You are an asset to your government, and a credit to your country. Thank you, and keep up the good work.

DOUG GAMBLE

Dec. 17/91

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TO: CHRISTINA MARTIN
3 Pages

AUSTRALIA (Curt Smith & Jennifer Grossman)

I'VE LOOKED FORWARD TO THIS DAY, WHEN A PRESIDENT WHOSE COUNTRY'S SYMBOL IS AN EAGLE VISITS A COUNTRY WHOSE PRIME MINISTER IS A HAWKE.

IT'S GOOD TO BE IN A COUNTRY WHERE THE WORDS "DOWN UNDER" DON'T REFER TO POLLS.

MUCH OF THIS BEAUTIFUL LAND IS KNOWN AS "BUSH COUNTRY." NOW IF I COULD JUST GET THAT DESCRIPTION TO APPLY TO ALL 50 STATES BACK HOME. (A MAJORITY OF STATES.)

I ALREADY FEEL A SPECIAL LINK TO AUSTRALIA. BACK HOME, PEOPLE KEEP MISTAKING ME FOR MEL GIBSON.

WHEN I SAW A STORY IN THE PAPER SAYING SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT PESTS IN AUSTRALIA, I WAS RELIEVED TO READ IT WAS ABOUT FLIES ~~AND~~ AND NOT VISITING POLITICIANS.

AS A GOLFER, I'M A FAN OF YOUR NATIVE SON GREG NORMAN. HE MAY BE NICKNAMED "THE GREAT WHITE SHARK," BUT WHEN I'M ON THE COURSE I SPEND A LOT MORE TIME IN THE WATER.

MORE...

TO: CHRISTINA MARTIN - AUSTRALIA (CONT'D)

I THOUGHT GOLF WAS HARD ENOUGH WHEN I PLAY IN THE STATES, UNTIL I FOUND OUT THERE'S A TWO-STROKE PENALTY IF YOUR BALL LANDS IN A KANGAROO'S POCKET.

I HOPE OUR DOG MILLIE DOESN'T HEAR THE NAME "SKIPPY THE BUSH KANGAROO." SHE MIGHT THINK SHE'S BEING REPLACED AS WHITE HOUSE PET.

I SHOULD ~~■~~ TELL YOU THAT BACK HOME THERE'S A BRAND OF PEANUT BUTTER CALLED "SKIPPY." SO IF YOU EVER HEAR ONE OF THOSE 300-THOUSAND YEARLY ~~■~~ U.S. VISITORS TO AUSTRALIA SAY HE LIKES EATING SKIPPY, DON'T WORRY THAT YOUR MOST FAMOUS KANGAROO IS IN DANGER.

SOMEONE MENTIONED THAT ONE OF YOUR MOST POPULAR TV SHOWS IS "THE FLYING DOCTOR." I UNDERSTAND THEY WERE THINKING OF HAVING A FLYING DOCTOR SHOW IN AMERICA, BUT THEY WOULD HAVE HAD TO BUILD LANDING STRIPS ON GOLF COURSES.

ONE OF THE SPORTS NETWORKS IN THE STATES CARRIES "AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL," AND MANY AMERICANS ENJOY THE ROUGH AND TUMBLE OF HARD HITTING WITH WRECKLESS ABANDON. WE HAVE SOMETHING SIMILAR, BUT WE CALL IT POLITICS.

NASA HAS LONG HAD A TRACKING STATION IN AUSTRALIA, AND WHILE YOU WERE MONITORING OUR ROCKETS WE WERE WATCHING ONE OF YOURS -- ROD LAVER.

(Australian tennis great, nicknamed "Rocket.")

MORE...

TO: CHRISTINA MARTIN - AUSTRALIA (CONT'D)

I UNDERSTAND AUSTRALIA HAS MORE SHEEP THAN PEOPLE. THAT'S AN IMPRESSIVE STATISTIC, BUT WASHINGTON HAS MORE LAWYERS THAN YOU HAVE SHEEP.

ONE OF MY AIDES TOLD ME THERE WAS GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS ABOUT TODAY'S MENU. HE SAID THE GOOD NEWS WAS THAT FLAVORING HAD BEEN ADDED TO THE VEGEMITE TO MAKE IT MORE IN TUNE WITH AMERICAN TASTE, BUT THE BAD NEWS WAS THAT IT'S BROCCOLI-FLAVORED.

IN JUNE OF 1964, SIR ROBERT MENZIES WAS QUOTED AS SAYING "IT WILL BE A VERY POOR DAY WHEN LITTLE AUSTRALIA WON'T BE ABLE TO SUMMON UP ITS TRADITIONAL IMPUDENCE BY LOOKING AT THE U.S. AND SAYING 'WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU BIG STIFF?' " 1964? AS I RECALL, THE DEMOCRATS WERE RUNNING THINGS BACK THEN. (OR: I DON'T KNOW ABOUT AUSTRALIAN IMPUDENCE, BUT I HEAR THAT FROM CONGRESS ALL THE TIME.)

IF I WASN'T SURE I WAS IN AUSTRALIA, IT WAS CONFIRMED AT ANOTHER CEREMONY WHEN "HAIL TO THE CHIEF" WAS REPLACED WITH "TIE ME KANGAROO DOWN SPORT." (Popular song by Aussie singer Rolf Harris.)

LET HISTORY SHOW THAT THIS VISIT WAS THE TIME WHEN THE "TEXAS TWO-STEP" MET "WALTZING MATILDA."

SOMEONE TOLD ME THAT WHEN HE HEARD AUSTRALIA WOULD BE VISITED BY SOMEONE WHO HAD RISEN TO THE TOP IN AMERICA, HE THOUGHT IT WAS PAUL HOGAN.

(Grossman)
December 18, 1991
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--John Wade, Sr. Curator, Australian National Maritime
Museum, (02)552-7728

AUSTRALIA COLOR

(among other materials, files include extensive info on above
sites, speech excerpts from American Ambassador Sembler

GENERAL

- 1) Australians in film: Errol Flynn, Mel Gibson, Paul Hogan
(one of screenwriters and main actor in "Crocodile Dundee"),
Dean Semler (cinematographer of "Dances with Wolves.")
- 2) Australians in music: Olivia Newton John, Men At Work, Bee
Gees.
- 3) Washington Post cartoonist Patrick Oliphant is from
Australia.
- 4) James Tuckey, a lieutenant aboard the ship which took the
first unwilling settlers into Port Phillip Bay (the future
Melbourne) in 1803 wrote:

"I beheld a second Rome rising from a coalition of banditti.
I beheld it giving laws to the world, and superlative in
arms and in arts, looking down with proud superiority upon
the barbarous nations of the northern hemisphere."

- 5) Maybe POTUS could do a joke about vegemite, or vegemite
sandwiches. There's potential for humor in the fact that
Australians love the stuff while we think it's yucho. Maybe
at a luncheon, "Despite our many similarities, Americans
have never really developed a taste for your vegemite. In
fact, when I asked about today's menu, I was assured -- no
vegemite. \ Actually, I was worried about the broccoli."
- 6) On Australian TV there's a very famous show called, "Skippy
the Bush Kangaroo." Everyone knows about Skippy, he's kind
of equivalent to our Lassie. Maybe a joke about, "I hear
that here in Australia, you have 'Skippy the Bush Kangaroo.'
Well, back home we have 'Millie the Bush Canine.' (Tony
Mauro: Millie the Bush Scoobydoo). Or, "I was a little
nervous about playing golf here, what with all the kangaroos
running around. \ Fortunately, I've got Skippy on my side."
- 7) In May 1836, President Jackson appointed J.H. Williams as
the first American Consul in Australia. The "Colonist," a
newspaper of the day, welcomed his arrival, praising America
thus: "Scarcely is there a sea which their ships do not
plough, or a port in which they do not ride..." (maybe for
Maritime Museum?)

- 8) "The Australians did not seem to me to differ noticeably from Americans, either in dress, carriage, ways...or general appearance."
--Mark Twain, 1895.
- 9) Another link between Australia and the United States during the 19th century: from 1897-1898, Herbert Hoover, later to become the 31st U.S. President, worked in Western Australia as a young mining engineer.
- 10) "Next to our own nation we place our kindred in America."
--Alfred Deakin, 1905 (Australian statesman?)
- 11) In September 1918, Australian and American troops fought alongside each other in the main attack on the Hindenburg Line which ended World War I, a battle experience to be shared again in WWII, Korea and Vietnam.
- 12) In 1969, an Australian radio telescope and an American antenna brought us the historic television pictures of the first manned landing on the moon. The picture everyone remembers -- Neil Armstrong's leg searching for the surface -- was first seen in a tracking station briefing room near Canberra. As a compliment to Australia, NASA in 1971 named Apollo 15 "Endeavor after Captain Cook's Endeavor.
- 13) Australia's coat of arms consist of a shield containing the badges of the 6 states. The supporters are native Australian fauna -- a kangaroo and an emu. A yellow-flowered native plant, wattle, also appears in the design.
- 14) Note: Australia taxes capital gains. (Individuals and companies pay at different rates)
- 15) Bush has called the Australian-American relationship "an intimate partnership between two peoples."
- 16) In the Persian Gulf, the first combined boarding to enforce UN resolutions was by the USS Brewton and the HMAS Darwin.
- 17) 300,000 US tourists visit Australia annually.
- 18) "It will be a very poor day when little Australia won't be able to summon up its traditional impudence by looking at the U.S. and saying, 'What do you mean, you big stiff?'"
--Sir Robert Menzies in the Sydney Morning Herald, 27 June 1964. (Possible rejoinder: "Well, Australia is not all that little, and I hope that America is not all that stiff." Could be relevant re: trade disputes)
- 19) "You must be the most beautiful people in the world."
--Duke Ellington, in the Sydney Morning Herald, 7 Feb. 1970.

- 20) Every year, America sends a high level delegation to participate in the Coral Sea Commemoration. Dan Quayle was here in '89 and Bush was here in '82.
- 21) Rugby and Cricket are Australian national pastimes. Rugby's World Cup will be over by the end of October. It will be the first time an American team has participated.
- 22) One of the most popular Australian television shows is called "The Flying Doctor." Joke potential? LA Law is the most popular American TV show here. The Civil War series was also very popular.

CANBERRA

- 1) American architect Walter Burley Griffin designed Australia's capital. Griffin was from Chicago; studied under Frank Lloyd Wright.
- 2) Canberra is known as "The Bush Capital." I think there is joke potential here, e.g. 'I know Australians and Americans are close, but you didn't have to name your capital after me.')
- 3) Canberra's detractors often refer to the capital as "Monumentsville," "a city without a mind," "the city of the gray flannel mind," and "a great waste of sheep country." Canberra's fans call her "the garden city of the Commonwealth" or "the front window of the nation." They also say that "to know Canberra is to love it."
- 4) The name "Canberra" comes from "Canberry," an Aboriginal word meaning "meeting place."
- 5) In Canberra, the kangaroos have a habit of falling people's swimming pools (don't worry, they don't drown) joke potential?
- 6) Australia has the 10 most popular snakes in the world, starting with the Death Adder.
- 7) POTUS visit coincides with the annual advent of fly season. Aussies are constantly waving off the insects, a gesture so common it's nicknamed the "Australian Wave." Maybe POTUS can joke: "Australians have a reputation for warmth and hospitality. In fact when I got off the plane, I told Barbara how flattered I was that they were all waving to me. She said, 'Sorry to burst your bubble, George, but it's fly season.'"

- 8) Kangaroos abound on tennis courts, golfing greens. Maybe there's a joke about POTUS asking PM what kind of penalty you get for hitting a roo.

SYDNEY

- 1) In the bay cradled by Darling Harbor stands a little rook named Fort Denison. It was built in the 1840's to keep Americans away at a time when the colonists in Sydney were concerned about possible American aggression springing from Anglo-American contention. It's a cute, little-known fact, which reflects the loyalty of the early Australian colony.
- 2) During World War II, Japanese submarines actually made it in to Sydney Harbor. This illustrates what a mortal threat Japan posed at the time, and provides a sharp contrast with present relations.
- 3) Looking out upon Sydney Harbor, the eye is drawn to the Pacific horizon. Given our policy themes, we might want to talk about Australia's "window on the Pacific," geographically as well as politically and economically.
- 3) Aside from the Sydney Opera House, the Sydney Harbor Bridge is also considered a famous symbol of the City.
- 4) On the state crest of South Wales appear a latin motto that translated means: "Newly Risen, How Brightly We Shine."

HONOLULU

THEMES: The stop centers around the 50th Commemoration of Pearl Harbor. We want to recognize the sacrifice of those who lost their lives and those who lost their loved ones on December 7, 1941. Lt. Gen. Fields talked of creating a realization for the American people that the attack changed America forever. We went from being an isolationist nation to an international superpower.

POTUS SCHEDULE

FRI, 12/6: --evening AF1 to Honolulu

SAT, 12/7: --7:30 helo to naval base, barge to USS Arizona for memorial ceremony. Presidential honors, brief remarks by Admiral Larson, Rear Admiral White, Moment of Silence, ship whistle, missing man flyover, national anthem, flag raising, 5 min. remarks.
--8:20 depart for K-8 (Kilo 8, it's like a pier), honors arrival, Joo intros POTUS, remarks 15-20 mins.

there); Singaporeans who were either killed or injured were civilians.

- 4) Singaporean suffrage is universal and compulsory.
- 5) Orchids are a major Singaporean product (and they're beautiful).
- 6) While there is no compulsory education in Singapore, attendance is 94% and the literacy rate is over 87%.
- 7) POTUS and FLOTUS visited Singapore when Bush was Vice President.
- 8) When the President called Orr to offer him the ambassadorship, one of his selling points was to tell the future ambassador how comfy the Residence is. (Orr was previously Governor of Indiana).
- 9) Quayle was here on May 22.
- 10) The origin of the name "Singapore" comes from the 13th century's appellation of "Singapura," meaning "Lion City."

AUSTRALIA

POLICY THEMES

The last President to go down under was LBJ, 21 years ago. Australia feels left out. They've been a strong ally -- there in WWII, there in Nam, there in the Gulf. The Australians have been very grateful to us for saving them from the Japanese in WWII. But those warm feelings are now being tried by their anger over trade policies (agricultural subsidies).

Oops on EEPS: Our Economic Enhancement Programs (an American domestic subsidy so that we can export our products abroad at a lower price) and the EC's strict protectionist policies have left Aussies demonstrably furious -- riots, strikes. Need some stroking action. POTUS needs to show himself as a champion of free trade, "that's why the Uruguay round is so important," blah, blah. Hopefully we'll have GATT progress we can highlight by that time.

Generally, stress "harmony/kinship with the Australians."

CANBERRA

POTUS SCHEDULE

WED., DEC 4: --arrival ceremony
THUR., DEC 5: --Embassy greetings, hosted at Ambassador Sembler's residence
--luncheon hosted by Prime Minister in Australian Parliament Building's Great Hall. Toasts after lunch; PM's toast/speech will be 5-10 mins., intro

POTUS for 3-5 mins. (may have to stretch if PM's speech is longer).

--15-20 min. remarks to Australian Parliament
--meeting with Australian academic community;
talking points (don't know if we're responsible)
--Australian War Memorial
--Governor General Hayden's State Dinner at the Government House
--RON Canberra

SITES

- 1) Embassy Greetings: The Ambassador's Residence is 50 years old, as are formal Australian-American diplomatic relations. The ground lease for the mansion was signed while the Japanese were bombing Australia. The house was built during the war, and completed in 1943. Mrs. Roosevelt had a personal interest here, and came out after the building's completion to plant a tree.

The current Ambassador to Australia is Mr. Mel Sembler. Ambassador and Mrs. Sembler are from Treasure Island, Florida. In addition to the Embassy in Canberra, the U.S. has three Consulates General in Australia -- one in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth -- and a Consulate in Brisbane. There is also a Consular Agent in Adelaide.

- 2) Address to Australian Parliament:

The building itself is a striking postmodern palace, designed by Roman Giurgola, and completed for the Australian Bicentennial in 1988. The structure incorporates many symbolic features which strive to reflect certain Australian values, and resonate with Australian history, geography, and culture.

For instance, on one side the earth, rather than meeting the building at a right angle, runs gradually from a distance and at an angle right up to the buildings peak flagpole. This design twist represents the accessibility and accountability of Australian government -- that the government are subservient to those they serve.

Another example: in the forecourt of the Parliament, along the walkway POTUS will follow, is a mandelic mosaic design called "Meeting Place" which represents a meeting place for all races and cultures. The work also celebrates Australia's earliest settlers, so it is appropriate that an Aboriginal artist, Michael Nelson Tjakamara, was asked to create the centerpiece. It's pointillist strokes are reminiscent of his tribes sand paintings.

Also neat: one of the original copies of the Magna Carta is housed in the Parliament building.

POTUS will be greeted by the PM, walk up to the mosaic in the middle, walk over and shake some Australian hands. He then goes to lunch (check) in the Great Hall with the ugly tapestry.

Parliament speech: POTUS starts out, "Thank you, Mr. Speaker." (Speaker is Leo McLeay. Speech is not teleprompted. House of Representatives: amphitheater-like, modern, bathroom-tile-green. NOTE: this will be the first time a foreign head of state has addressed a joint session of parliament -- ever (POTUS should stress what a great honor it is).

VERY IMPORTANT: We were going to do an event with the Australia/USA Parliamentary Group which has now been cut -- so a specific reference should be included as to who they are, what they do, kudos. The group is not a standing committee or anything like that, just an association of upper and lower house parliamentarians working to promote US-Australian friendship ties. The group was formed under the auspices of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Australian National Group in May '88. The bipartisan group is the most active of all Parliamentary Friendship groups. For more info, contact: Nonda on MP Eamon Lindsay's staff at 077-724844.

- 3) Australian War Memorial: (No remarks, just FYI) Built roughly in the shape of a Byzantine church, the memorial is the most popular tourist attraction in the nation's capital.

Event will take place in the rectangular, central courtyard, which includes a commemorative stone, a pool of reflection, the Eternal Flame, a commemorative area, and then, enclosed, the Hall of Memory. The dome inside the Hall bears a radial pattern which represents the spirits of the war dead rising towards the central circle (heaven).

The memorial also contains a museum, whose galleries evoke and explain the Australian experience of war. Australians in combat: New Zealand (1860), Sudan (1885), South Africa (1899-1902), China (1900-01), WW1 (1914-18), WWII (1939-45), Korea (1950-53), Malaya (1950-60), Malaysia (1963-66), Vietnam (1962-72), Persian Gulf (1991) -- we might remember that the Aussies responded immediately in the Gulf, needing no prompting.

Plaque in memorial reads: "The Australian War Memorial commemorates those 100,000 Australians who have died in war and recalls the service and sacrifice of all Australians in wartime." Also, museum holds a mini-copy of Eugeni Vouchetich's famous statue, "Beat the swords into ploughshares." NOTE: Australian repatriation hospitals are still treating men wounded in WWI. 496 Australians died in Viet Nam; 2,398 were wounded.

- 4) (no remarks, just FYI) After dinner, when POTUS toasts, the only thing he says is: "Ladies and Gentlemen, Her Majesty the Queen of Australia," in response to the Governor General's "Ladies and Gentlemen, the President of the United

States of America." Hayden is Queen Elizabeth's representative; there is a such a representative in each of the 6 Australian states (Australia is a commonwealth). Governor Generals are Australian citizens; their posts are purely ceremonial. Hayden is Australia's former Foreign Minister.

The Government House is an old cattle "station," or property. It is a simple, classical mansion on the rim of Lake Burley Griffin.

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SYDNEY

POTUS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY (DEC. 6th):

- noon arrival at Sydney airport (QANTAS Jet Base)
- Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre: 12:30-12:45 pre-lunch reception with South Wales Premier Grenier's 50 guests, 1:00 p.m. State Luncheon with remarks after remarks and intro by Premier, 15-20 mins., 1,000 guests
- post-lunch reception with Australian American Coral Sea Commemorative Council
- visit Australian National Maritime Museum, visit American Gallery, brief remarks in dedication of museum.
- harbor cruise on John Cadman III to Sydney Opera House
- press conference at Sydney Opera House
- over to Kirribilli House for dinner?
- RON Sydney

SITES

- 1) State Luncheon at Convention Centre: Both anthems played, grace said, lunch served. After lunch, Premier Grenier speaks then intros POTUS. Audience will be a cross-section of the New South Wales Community. Centre is beautiful, yet modern and antiseptic. Themes focus on our trade, joint longterm commitments, the global marketplace, the coming century, thread of education, etc.

If we touch on Asian topics, we might note that, for more than a year, Australia has taken a leading role in seeking a comprehensive solution to the Cambodian conflict under UN auspices.

- 2) Australian National Maritime Museum: Present are Prime Minister and Mrs. Hawke, Chairman and Mrs. Doyle, Premier and Mrs. Grenier, Ambassador and Mrs. Sembler. The event serves as the official opening and USA Gallery Dedication.

2-3 min. remarks required, after brief remarks by Prime Minister.

The building occupies a waterfront site on an arm of Sydney Harbor, described by Mark Twain as "the darling of Sydney and the wonder of the world." The sweeping curves of the museum's white painted roof are reminiscent of waves, clouds, and sails. It's interior is kind of split-level, post-modern white. Almost warehouse looking, with hanging mobiles and high ceilings. Out front, next to the museum's sign, is a large mobile with fluctuating signal flags, the kind used for intership communication. In one section is a model of the Endeavor, presented as a gift by Queen Elizabeth. The Endeavor was the ship commanded by Captain Cooke when he discovered Australia. Also, there's a section with surfboards (joke material?)

The American Gallery was our 1988 bicentennial gift to Australia. Here, POTUS will unveil a plaque and then briefly tour the gallery. The opening exhibit is called: "Linked by the Sea," and that name is carved into the wall. It explores the similar origins of our two countries. We might use that as a theme, touching upon how our two maritime traditions, among many other bonds, help contribute to our mutual sense of kinship. One of the most powerful links: The Australian and US navies fought side by side to turn back the Japanese military advance in WWII. Five months after the outbreak of war in the Pacific, the Battle of the Coral Sea in May 1942 was a crucial strategic victory for the allies, and the first reverse for the Imperial Japanese Army.

FUN FACTS:

- *Australia has a long maritime heritage, going back at least 50,000 years to the probable arrival of the first humans from Asia.
- *There were three Americans on board Endeavor when Cook discovered the east coast of Australia in 1770 (but they were British loyalists).
- *The first foreign merchant vessel to arrive in New South Wales was a US ship with a welcome cargo of rum and other supplies.
- *The first person to ride a surfboard in Australia was a Hawaiian -- Duke Kahanamoku.

******Note:** The exhibit houses two periscopes, one of which is from the same class of submarine as the one which collected the President after he was shot down in WWII. More information is on the way via fax.

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AUSTRALIA

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2. Be - neath our rad - iant South - ern Cross We'll

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toil with hearts and hands; To make this Com - mon -

wealth for toil, Our home is girt by the sea. Our
wealth of ours Re - nowned of all the lands; For

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Adopted as the National Anthem officially in 1984. The words were then slightly changed.

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 those who've come a - cross the seas We've bound - less plains and to

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rare; In his - t'ry's page, let ev - 'ry stage Ad -
 share; With cour - age let us all com - bine To Ad -

vance Aus - tra - lia fair. } In joy - ful strains then
 vance Aus - tra - lia fair. } cresc.

let us sing, "Ad - vance Aus - tra - lia Fair."

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Some color material in addition to that from Jennifer's preadvance memo:

- The song "A-Waltzing Matilda" is an unofficial national anthem of Australia -- so sang Andrew "Banjo" Paterson in 1895. Contrary to popular belief, he sang it not to an Aussie belle but to his knapsack.
- In 1606, Dutch Captain Willem Janszoon stumbled upon the northeast coast of the smallest continent, the first known European landfall. British Capt. Matthew Flinders' sail around the territory proved that it was one landmass; he named it Australia, from the Latin for "southern."
- The Australian flag is the only flag to fly over an entire continent.
- The written constitution for the Federal Commonwealth of Australia came into force on January 1, 1901. (same time period as POTUS visit)
- 80% of the 16 million Australians cluster in the suburbs of the "Boomerang Coast" -- a thin arc stretching 1,000 miles around the southeastern seaboard from Adelaide to Brisbane.
- Australia is the sixth largest country in the world.
- In Australia, sheep outnumber people.
- It is an insult to a cab driver for any man traveling alone to ride in the back seat.
- The word for thank you, "ta," is uttered even after you yourself have said thank you in a shop or restaurant.
- Each state capital is named after a colonial politician (Perth, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Melbourne) or a British royal figure (Adelaide).
- Nearly half of Australia's population was either born outside Australia or has at least one parent who was.

AUSTRALIAN PROVERBS

Good leaders lead to peace instead of war.

Learning without good behavior is of little worth.

Hope lives first and last in the human breast.

Wisdom's fountains are full and ever flowing.

Good and evil inspirations do not dwell together.

Good deeds require no ceremony's salt to season them.

True friendship cannot live among bad men.

When we liberate ourselves, liberty begins.

Sacred peace heals wounds and makes joy spring from woe.